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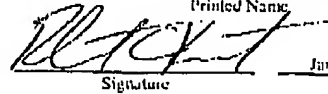
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EXAMINING GROUP 3662**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**Application No.: 10/017,961
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Atty. Dkt. No: 5932-00100Title: Method and Apparatus for
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Action of November 18, 2005, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.